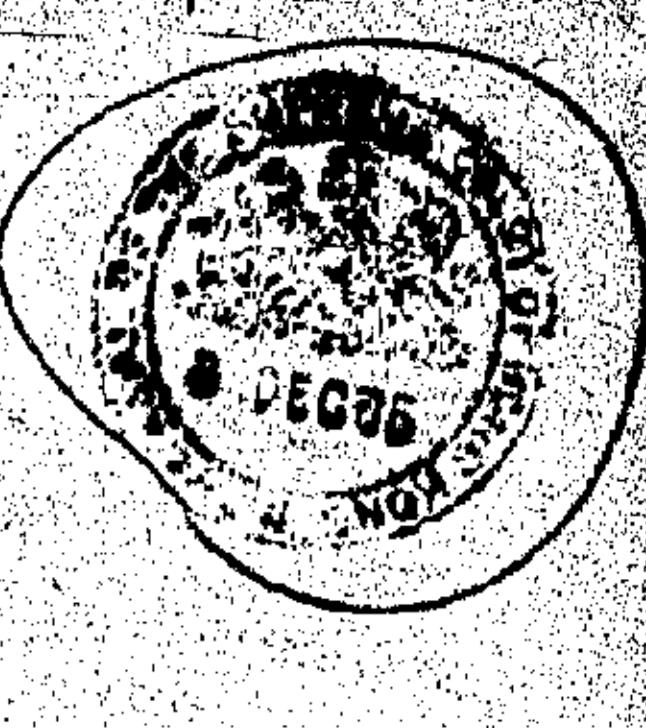


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Notices of Firms.

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RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, December 1, 1885. 2082

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EMIL NIEDHARDT,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, November 28, 1885. 2060

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H. L. STRINGER,

Hongkong, November 6, 1885. 1937

Banks.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3: Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balance.
- Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 7, 1885. 754

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,500,000
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION.....\$500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-
PRIETORS.....\$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—H. F. D. SASSOON.
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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate
of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily
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For Fixed Deposits—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

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Local Bills DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on Approved Securities,

and every description of Banking and
Commercial business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the
chief Commercial ports in Europe, India,

Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 24, 1885. 1449

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK
CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000

PAID-UP.....\$600,000

REGISTERED OFFICE—
40, Threadneedle Street, London.

BRANCHES:

In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE Bank receives Money on Deposit,

buys and sells Bills of Exchange,

Issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for

Collection, and transacts Banking and
Agency Business generally on terms to be
had on application.

CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK
CORPORATION PURCHASED ON
ADVANTAGEOUS TERMS.

H. A. HERBERT,
Manager.

Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, July 4, 1885. 1128

WILLIAM DOLAN,
SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLIER,
22, Praya Central.

COTTON DRUGS, HEMP CANVAS,

MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN

OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS,

DOCK JACKETS.

Hongkong, May 1, 1885.

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Hongkong, November 6, 1885. 1937

Intimations.

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP. MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG, Surgeon Dentist,

(Formerly ARTICLED APPRENTICE and LAT-

TERLY ASSISTANT to Dr. ROGERS.)

AT the urgent request of his European

and American patients and friends,

has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly oc-

cupied by Dr. ROGERS,

No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families.

Soles Address—

2, DUDDELL STREET,

(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1885. 66

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For the REFINERY—

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For the REFINERY—

THE CHINA MAIL.

[No. 6973.—DECEMBER 2, 1885.]

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE JUST LANDED.
THE FOLLOWING

STORES.

YORK HAMS.
STILTON CHEESE.
PUDDING RAISINS (Valencias).
CURRANTS (Patras).

MINOEMEAT.
CHRISTMAS CAKES.
FIGS.
ALMONDS and RAISINS.

Brazil NUTS.
Soft-Shell ALMONDS.
Metz FEUITS.
Crystallized FRUITS.

FRUITS in Syrups.
Imperial PLUMS.
Plum PUDDINGS.
COSAQUES

CALIFORNIA PRODUCTS.
CONDENSED MILK.
KEROSENE LAMPS.
FAIREBANK'S SCALES.
COOKING STOVES.
PARLOUR STOVES.

THE USUAL ASSORTMENT

of
OILMAN'S STORES,
AND
WINES,

at the
Lowest Possible Prices
FOR CASH.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
Hongkong, December 1, 1885. 2084

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ANGLO-INDIAN, British barque, Captain Th. Richter.—Chines.

H. STEENKE, German brig, Captain Chr. Mayrk.—Melders & Co.

DARKEOUTH, British barque, Capt. Bonj. Flinton.—Melders & Co.

GEORGE, British barque, Capt. William Grant.—Captain.

ISAAC REED, American ship, Capt. E. O. Colley.—Order.

KAPPA, German barque, Captain G. Octkon.—Siemens & Co.

LUCILLE, American barque, Captain C. M. Laurence.—Melders & Co.

MERCURY, British brigantine, Capt. Wm. Dick.—Master.

NANAIMO, British barque, Captain John Dodd.—Russell & Co.

TITAN, American ship, Capt. C. H. Allyn.—Russell & Co.

TOBAGO, British barque, Captain Robert Crosbie.—Gillham & Co.

VENTURA, Span. barque, Capt. Urisandi.—Remedios & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI

The Steamship
Yantze,
Capt. F. Sonz, will be
despatched for the above
Port TO-MORROW, the 3rd Instant, at
4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, December 2, 1885. 2084

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

The Co.'s Steamship
Douglas,
Captain YOUNG, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on FRIDAY, the 4th Instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

**DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.**

Hongkong, December 2, 1885. 2088

**CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

FOR PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY

ISLAND, COOKTOWN,
TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY

AND MELBOURNE, &c.

The Steamship
Woolong,

Captain ARTHUR, will be
despatched as above on

WEDNESDAY, the 16th Instant, at 4 p.m.

This Vessel has unusually good Cabin
Accommodation, situated amidships, upon
the upper deck.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWINE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 2, 1885. 2087

To-day's Advertisements.

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

The Co.'s Chartered
Steamship
Amatista,

Captain HAMIN, will be
despatched for the above Ports on SUN-
DAY, the 6th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

**DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.**

Hongkong, December 2, 1885. 2089

**PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COM-
PANY.**

THE Undersigned hereby gives Notice
that he has been Appointed AGENT
of the above Company at this port:

CHAS. D. HARMAN.

Hongkong, December 2, 1885. 2090

**OXFORD & ORIENTAL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY.**

THE Undersigned hereby gives Notice
that he has been Appointed AGENT
of the above Company at this port:

CHAS. D. HARMAN.

Hongkong, December 2, 1885. 2091

**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.'s
PIERS AND GODOWNS,
WEST POINT.**

THESE are now in Working Order.—
STEAMERS are berthed at the Wharf,
and CARGO received and stored at Cheap
Rates.

The GODOWNS are two storied, dry,
airy, and well suited for the STORAGE of
SHE, COTTON and WOOLLEN PIECE GOODS,
as well as GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Advances made on Cargo stored.
For Rates and further Particulars, apply
to the MANAGER, or to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, December 2, 1885. 2092

NOTICE.

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.**

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID,

MEDITERRANIAN AND BLACK
SEA PORTS.

NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA,
LONDON AND ANTWERP.

ALSO
BORDEAUX, LE HAVRE, DUNKIRK,
LONDON AND ANTWERP.

ON TUESDAY, the 15th December,
1885, at Noon, the Company's S.S.
MELBOURNE, Commandant de la Mar-
quise, with MAIRS, PASSENGERS,
SPEOPLE, and CARGO, will leave this Port
for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on
the 14th December, 1885. (Parcels are not
to be sent on board; they must be left at
the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 2, 1885. 2093

To-day's Advertisements.

S. JOHN'S AMBULANCE SOCIETY.

A LADIES' AMBULANCE CLASS will
be held in the Music Room of the
City Hall on THURSDAYS, from 11 a.m.
to 1 p.m., commencing from TO-MORROW,
and Ladies wishing to join may do so then.

Hongkong, December 2, 1885. 2095

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

December 2, 1885.—

Cheung Hock Kien, British steamer, 356.

Fred. Webb, Ponang 20, and
Singapore 24. General.—*Bun Hin Chan*.

Wooing, British steamer, 1,109, J. L.

C. Arthur, Sydney Nov. 7. Sugar, Flour,

Wool, Soap, Coal, Pearl Shell, &c.—Bur-

TELFIELD & SWINE.

Compton, British steamer, from Whampoa.

Gratitude, British steamer, 1,201, N. C.

Wake, Nagasaki November 25. General.—

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.

Atlanta, German steamer, 788, *Plat*,

Swallow December 1, General.—*Siemsen*&

& Co.

Kui Sang, British steamer, 1,495, W. O.

M. Young, Shanghai November 29. General.

Jardine, Matheson & Co.

DISPARURES.

December 2.—

Gorda, for Haiphong.

Timor, for Sydney via Singapore.

Kwang Lee for Whampoa.

Whale, for Amoy and Tamsui.

Tanundice, for Singapore and Sydney.

Tenow, for Holloway.

Kut Sung, for Whampoa.

CLEARED.

Cetterstone, for Calcutta.

S. D. Carlton, for New York.

Yangtze, for Shanghai.

Signal, for Holloway, &c.

PASSENGERS.

Arrived.

Per *Chang Hock Kien*, from Penang, &c.,

303 Chinese.

Per *Wooing*, from Sydney, &c., Miss

Hutchins, Messrs Larrock and Roben; and

45 Chinese.

Per *Kui Sang*, from Shanghai, Messrs

Hyndman, Nichol and Colgan, and 33 Chi-

nese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Desire* for Holloway, 20 Chinese.

Per *Gorda*, for Haiphong, 20 Chinese.

Per *Tales*, for Amoy, 40 Chinese.

Per *Taundice*, for Singapore, &c., 78 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Cheung Hock Kien* reports:

First part to 10° North, W.N.W. winds and heavy rain; thence to pott fresh monsoon and cloudy weather.

The British steamer *Wampan* reports:

Fresh S.E. winds and squally on the Aus-

tralian Coast; from Thursday Island to

Bassian Channel, light N.W. winds and fine weather up Mindoro Straits, strong

Northerly winds and squally across the

China Sea, strong N.E. monsoon and high

THE CHINA MAIL.

The American ship *Sacramento*, Wm. H. Nelson, master, from New York to Shanghai, put into Singapore on the 21st November, with less of sail, crippled spars and crowded deck. She will replenish and go on.

The N.C.D. News of the same date says:

Last night there was a heavy shower of meteors. According to the Standard, the meteors which are observed in November fall from the constellation of Leo and are called Leonids. The next noted celestial display will occur from the 9th to the 12th December. Some of the Leonids seen last night were very brilliant, while others were hardly visible.

The British *North Borneo Herald* says:

Mr. Jackson, well known as an energetic pioneer in Missionary enterprise in the East, has arrived in Sandakan, but pro-

mises shortly to return to Sarawak, where his work is carried on a larger scale than can at present be attempted in these parts. He proposes to build a port at Kuching, the Capital, and already three muns have arrived there.

Mr. Herbert Reeves, son of the great tenor, is about to don woman's apparel and sing in opera bouffes. To his honoured father this degradation of the talents of his only son must necessarily be a blow. The chief consolation will, however, probably be that opera bouffes have sunk so low that even the assistance of Mr. Herbert Reeves may give it some sort of *focus* stand in the members of the dramatic profession.—London Figaro.

The *Joss Peranakian*, a Malay newspaper published in Singapore, learns that the Sultan of Johore has gone with a retinue of thirty grooms to Pahang to marry a princess of Pahang. Great preparations had been made for his arrival, and the place had been decorated with many kinds of choice flowers. He was not on landing by the princes and high officials of the State of Pahang.

The wedding festivities, which will commence on the 1st day of the month Rabialawal (7th Dec.), will last for forty days.

The Straits Chinese Recreation Club have raised over \$1,000 by a subscription amongst themselves and their Chinese friends for the erection of a pavilion on their playground at the green. The plan, which has lately been approved by the Municipality, was drawn by Mr. Richards; they say it will be the best and the most beautiful pavilion in Singapore. According to the present plan \$2,000 is required. The Chinese merchants are glad to see them play tennis, and are encouraging them very much, and they have no doubt the amount required will be easily raised.—*Singapore Free Press*.

SAYS THE NAGASAKI EXPRESS.—Probably in Japan will soon find out that Russia is not only the common enemy of China and England, but also as regards herself. Both China and Japan have for a long time past held disputes respecting the right-of-way of the Loo Choo islands, which while unsettled remain in the untenable position of no man's land. In view of the fact that Russia is now in urgent need of a harbour in the Pacific which is open all the year round, and has apparently been defeated in her cherished scheme of *Circum Asia*, does it not seem to be within the range of possibility that she may consider the no man's land (the Loo Choo group) at the south of Japan a spot suited to her purposes? Rumours are already afloat that the Russians intend to annex them at once! Were she to do so a much greater disturbance would arise than most people can imagine.

WASHINGTON, October 30th.—Ensign J. O. Faulke of the United States Navy, now Charge d'Affaires at Seoul, Korea, in a report to the Secretary of State, describes the so-called "American farm," established by the King of Korea in 1823, upon the return of the Korean Embassy from the United States. The farm is in a thrifty, flourishing condition. It was planted with seeds presented to the Embassy by the American Commissioner of Agriculture. Last year the entire crop was allowed to go to seed after a very successful season. Large quantities of all the varieties of seed were thus obtained, which were later distributed to more than 300 localities, accompanied by directions for planting and use. The farming of these seeds this year has been very successful. The American farm has been successfully stocked with blooded animals from California, and Faulke believes that it needs only the advice of a competent Western farmer to become infinitely beneficial to that country.—*Idem California*.

THE SINGAPORE FREE PRESS of the 21st ultimo:—There was a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen at the P. & O. mail-steamer on Monday afternoon, when Mr. Cecil C. Smith and Mr. Clement Smith left for Ceylon. It was the wish of H. E. the Governor to give a salute and a guard of honour should be given to Mr. Smith, but Mr. Smith's special request that the marks of respect were not shown. These hearty cheers were given and the steamer left the wharf, and then three more for Mr. R. W. Maxwell, who went with the same steamer. Admiral Dowell went on board, having been relieved of his command on the China station on his promotion. For persons who saw him in the Cathedral, a grey-headed man, with Captain Kinnsan, on Sunday evening, knew that he was present as a midshipman forty-five years ago when the British flag was first hoisted at Hongkong. Mr. Purchas, of the Commissariat Department, went home in the same mail. The only passenger left behind was a black cook, a rarity, belonging to Mrs. Clement Smith, which, objecting to leave Singapore, got free while it was being taken to the steamer, and could not be caught again.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *North Borneo Herald*, after noticing the Report of Mr. Swettenham on the newly-opened roads between Perak and Selangor, makes the following remarks, which apply as much to Johore and the Native States as to North Borneo:—"Now I venture to urge upon the Government that here lies the key to unlock the future of North Borneo Roads, roads roads! must be our cry. Roads before railways is an old saying, but let the watchword of North Borneo be 'Roads before railways.' The rich soils of the interior lie back from the rivers—the simple reason that as far as the floods extend, the land is annually denuded of its surface humus. Along the line of every bridge-track that Government will open up, communities will spring into existence, trade will

prosper, civilization will extend. The planter and prospector will make their way inland and the inland agriculturists will bring their produce down to coast markets. No country can be opened up by holding its coasts—it's vital must be peacefully pacified and made to develop their riches, and where a track is cut, a Chinese trader will follow. The North Borneo must must be cracked and the 'changku' is the nut-cracker."

THE Yokohama Chamber of Commerce has received a communication from the London Chamber of Commerce, stating its desire to establish correspondence between these two chambers.

The Japanese government have decided to establish a military station at the Bonin Islands and Sado. To the former, a detachment will be despatched from the Tokio garrison, and to the latter from the Sendai garrison.

The Russian secretary at the legation in China has been appointed secretary at the Russian legation in Korea.—*Japan Post*.

NEW YORK, October 30th.—Many theatrical and other persons attended the sale to-day of John McCullough's wardrobe and stage belongings, at No. 845 Broadway. Mary Anderson's brother, Joseph, was there and bought for his sister the crown worn by Macready, which was purchased by Dion Boucicault in London, and by him presented to McCullough. There were also present J. H. Cullen, who bought the play "Metamora" and rights for \$125; Wm. F. Johnson, of Philadelphia, who bought the "Lover's Right"; "The Gladiator" for \$150, and the "Brukes of Bogart" for \$100. Most of the costumes were purchased by theatrical costumers at low prices. Only two sales were made for more than \$100, and they were those already referred to.—"The Gladiator" and "Metamora." Large bundles of incidental music, manuscript plays, prompter's books, etc., were bought for \$1, \$2 and \$5. A dagger presented by Salvini to McCullough brought \$15, and a Macbeth dagger presented to Edwin Forrest sold for \$21.50. The sandals, feathers, crosses, wigs, makeup boxes, Roman shirts and other articles used by McCullough in different characters which he played, were purchased for little or nothing, as souvenirs. Ladies crowded in the back part of the gallery, who were not recognized as belonging to the theatrical profession, bid for small articles and paid cash, not wishing to give their names. The first dress in "Ingraves" brought \$15, and a crown worn by Edmund Kean and presented to McCullough by Dion Boucicault sold for \$45. Mr. Johnson paid \$100 for the fourth dress in "Richard III," and \$25 for the fifth dress in "Macbeth." The first day's work in "Othello," designed by Dion Boucicault and said to have cost \$1,000, brought only \$90. For the second dress, in the same play \$65 was paid; the third dress brought \$50 and the fourth \$7. A bright Japanese chink brocade on crimped sold for \$10. Edwin F. Thorpe paid \$25 for the fourth dress in "Richard III," and \$25 for the fifth dress in "Macbeth." The first dress worn in "Metamora" which was filled with the most turbulent and dangerous characters of the Colony. In reply to these remarks, the Attorney General said the Government acted on the principle of charging more on the wealthy than the poor villagers. The Colonial Treasurer said there had been two disturbances at Quarry Bay, far more serious than any that had ever occurred at Shan-Ki-Wan, and the Acting Colonial Secretary said in both cases the Police had quelled them, which the Hon. P. Ryrie said he did not believe that at the present moment there were five policemen stationed there, and that in next year's estimates, provision had to be made for a few Police Station there. No amendment was put forward and the amended rates were passed.

On clause 24 coming to be considered, the Hon. T. Jackson objected to the rate of interest, 12 per cent, which it was proposed to charge on arrears of rates recovered in the Supreme Court. He described the rate as antiquated and a "horrible squeeze." The rate was finally reduced to 8 per cent.

Clause 25, which dealt with the application of rates, was struck out. While the Hon. P. Ryrie held that the rates should strictly applied to the subject specified, the Hon. T. Jackson was of opinion that they should be applied to the general revenue. As the section was rendered unnecessary, however, by a previous one, it was struck out.

The question as to whether the owners of the land at the Park should be required to pay the rates was unoccupied.

On clause 26, which related to the payment of expenses for Posts, Convention, £2,767 @ 3½.....\$16,197.07

(2) For expenses in connection with the Law Revision Committee.....\$ 165.00

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The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the motion was carried.

SMALL ESTATES OF PERSONS DYING AT SEA.—The Attorney General moved the third reading of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 3 of 1869, a bill which provides for the administration of the estates of persons dying at sea on board ships arriving in this Colony.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was carried.

The bill was then read a third time and passed.

THE MUNICIPAL RATES ORDINANCE.—The Attorney General moved that the Council go into Committees on the Municipal Rates Ordinance 1885.

The motion having been seconded by the Colonial Treasurer, and carried, the Council went into Committee.

The clauses were then read and considered seriatim.

On clause 1, the Hon. P. Ryrie raised the question as to whether or not the City Hall should be included among the places exempted from taxation. He thought it should be exempted, and he was supported in this opinion by the Hon. F. D. Sisson, and also by the Chief Justice, who pointed out that the Hall was partially supported by the Government, and he did not see how they could tax an institution they supported.

The Colonial Treasurer said the Hall went into the mouth side of the channel about 900 feet to the N.E. or E.N.E. from the main buoy of the P. & O. Company.

That was our bearing from the buoy. The *Admiral* was at the buoy, was lying on the South side of the fairway. It was slack tide about half past seven that morning. Our steamer was heading between N.E. and E.N.E. There was very little wind. I remember seeing the *Glengrin* that morning. What made me first look at her was her blowing her whale before seven o'clock. She was then lying at a buoy up in the harbour, to the East of us. I cannot say where the fairway I speak of runs up as far as where the *Glengrin* was lying. I did not hear her leave her buoy. I saw her under weight. When I first saw her her weight was not very far westward of our own buoy, she had just left her buoy. That was about half past seven. I was standing then on the

starboard side of the after rail; the engineer was standing with me. When I first saw the *Glengrin* under weigh she was in the fairway. I kept looking at her as she came on. She was heading about W.N.W. This fairway is about 1000 feet wide. The stern of our steamer was in the fairway, on the North side. I could see clearly along the fairway. The fairway itself was clear, but there were two junks lying on the South side, close to the West side. The *Glengrin* came along the fairway, to the East of the South side, close to the buoy. She was not crossing from the South to the North side. She was going about six knots. I know there is a buoy of Jardine Matheson's on the South side there, to the East of the P. & O. Co. The *Glengrin* passed this buoy; there was no steamer at that buoy that morning. I could see the *Glengrin* at that position. I saw her again at 10.30. As I got into the *Glengrin* at that time, I saw the propeller stop. I knew her engines were stopped, she was bloodied and bloodied; and she was moving twice as fast. At the same time that the propeller stopped, I saw the rudder put hard to starboard, the vessel being put hard a-port. At that time the Government shall see fit to push the country forward much in the same manner as did the Government of

Japan.

CHINA.—The *Nagasaki Express* says:

The Japanese government have decided to establish a military station at the Bonin Islands and Sado. To the former, a detachment will be despatched from the Tokio garrison, and to the latter from the Sendai garrison.

The Russian secretary at the legation in China has been appointed secretary at the Russian legation in Korea.—*Japan Post*.

A pretty lengthy discussion then followed on these points. The Hon. P. Ryrie

desired to know why the police rates had been increased, and said he would like to see some statement to the effect that the Colonial Treasurer replied that the Government were relying when they made up the former scale on being able to meet the loss which was yearly sustained on the Police out of the surplus amount derived from the Spirits Bill. The Hon. P. Ryrie had heard of such a thing before. They legislated to have money raised for certain purposes, and he thought it should be applied to any other purpose.

The Spirits Bill was intended to meet the interest on the loans of the P. & O. Co.

How far was the *Camorta* from the bows of the *Khiva* at the moment of collision?

When did you first see the *Camorta* that morning?—When I heard the crack.

Did you not notice the *Camorta* before the collision?—No.

How far was the *Camorta* from the bows of the *Khiva* at the moment of collision?

I cannot say, but the three steamers were quite close. The *Camorta* was on the South side of the Channel, nearer to the South side than the middle line.

Is it true when the collision occurred the *Glengrin* was only 70 feet from the stern of the *Amigo*?—No, she was 309 or 300 feet from the stern of the *Amigo*.

Where was the *Isolan* lying?—On our port side, to the Westward, in the North side of the channel.

How far was the *Glengrin* from the bows of the *Isolan* at the moment of collision?

I did not notice the *Glengrin* before the collision.

Was the *Glengrin* stopped, or was she moving through the water at the moment?

She was moving at about six or seven knots.

Was there time between the time her propeller stopped, and the time of the collision to allow of any diminution in her speed?

I did not see anything particular about her at the moment?—She headed over to the port side heavily.

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THE SOUTHWESTERN REBELS.—The *South African Mail* says:

London, October 30.—The rebels in the Sudan are threatening the towns of Abu Hamdan and Korosko.

FRANCE AND THE NEW BRITISH.—The Council General of New Caledonia have petitioned the French Government to annex the New Hebrides Islands.

RADICALS AND THE ESTABLISHED CHURCH.—Nov. 2.—The Radicals are modifying their attacks upon the Established Churches of England and Scotland.

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